

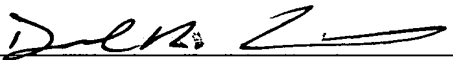
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is believed to be appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. As set forth in MPEP §714.16, "Entry of an amendment after allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 may be recommended by the primary examiner where such amendments are shown (A) to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) to require no substantial amount of additional work a the part of the Office."

The amendment to claim 4, shown above corrects an inconsistency in independent claim 4 and does not substantially or materially change the scope of such claim. Further, no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office is required.. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

In view of the above, entry of the same prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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